

## COMMISSIONERS WIN FIRST TRICK

Award Hawaii Road Contract While Hilo Supervisors Protest.

ACTION AT MEETING HERE

A. A. Wilson, Lowest Bidder, Gets Job of Building Highway on Big Island.

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.) Just about the time that the Hawaii county board of supervisors were passing a resolution in Hilo, denouncing the proposed Hawaii county belt road contracts as too expensive, the Hawaii loan fund commission, generally called the belt road commission, was holding a quiet little caucus in Honolulu and passing one of the contracts.

Four of the members of the commission are in Honolulu. They are Albert Horner, R. Hind, A. W. Carter and Superintendent of Public Works Marston Campbell, who is a member of the commission ex officio. Another member, supposed to be responsible for the resolution passed by the Hilo board of supervisors, denouncing the contract which the rest of the commission approved here, is J. D. Lewis, who is expected to make Hilo howl when he learns what his colleagues have been doing.

The Hawaii belt road bids were called for on specifications drawn by Engineer R. K. Bishop, who came here from the mainland as an expert, to study roads on Hawaii. Two contracts were offered. On the first the lowest bid amounted to \$17,900 per mile, while on the second the lowest estimated cost was about \$37,500 per mile. It is against these figures that the supervisors raised a protest, but Bishop and his supporters declare that the Hamakua coast, on which the road is to be built, has such weather conditions that a very expensive road is a necessity.

### Supervisors "Butting In."

The supervisors have officially nothing to do with the belt road money, but they passed their resolution in the character of representatives of the public, and declared that "boulevards are not necessary" and that the specifications for the road are too elaborate. Good roads can be built for \$8,000 per mile, say the Hilo supervisors.

### Hilo Loses Out.

According to correspondence from Hilo, the supervisors' sudden butting into the business of the belt road commission is due to the fact that a Hawaiian bid lost out when it came to opening the bids. A. A. Wilson is the contractor who was lowest on both the contracts offered. The award of a contract to him means that a political bid which had planned to make a nice thing of the spending of the belt road money lost its chances, hence an effort to have all bids rejected and begin all over again.

The decision reached here as given by one of the commissioners means the belt road commission will proceed to award the contract to Wilson for the sections of the road involved in contract No. 1, as advertised. This is for three stretches of road amounting to about five and a half miles altogether, on the road between Hilo and Hakakau, the cost being \$17,900 per mile.

### The Worst Road.

Some of this road at present enjoys the distinction of being the worst road in the Islands. It was built by L. M. Whitehouse many years ago, at a cost of about \$8,000 a mile. Whitehouse said yesterday that he knew it was about "the limit" now, and that he knew when he put it down that it wouldn't last in that country, but he went ahead under specifications. "Bishop has planned a road that will last," said Whitehouse, "and if the supervisors succeed in having the specification changed to make the road a cheaper one, it won't last. He has studied the climate and the conditions, and the road he has asked for is the kind needed."

A meeting of the belt road, or loan fund commission, was to have been held in Hilo this week, and the resolution passed by the Hilo supervisors was designed to affect its action. However, some of the members of the commission are going to stay in Honolulu, and in the meantime, while Commissioner Lewis was hunting in Hilo to stop the award of any contract, they agreed to award contract No. one to Wilson.

The other contract, it is stated, will not be awarded. On this stretch of road, the figures run to nearly \$40,000 a mile, and the commission has determined to throw out all the bids.

### Horner's View.

"The character of the road is such that expensive construction is necessary," said Albert Horner, one of the loan fund commission, yesterday. "The road we are planning will have a foundation that will make it last, despite the wet weather. Though the cost per mile may seem large, it must be remembered that the drainage problem is a very difficult one. We are going to have a road that will be passable even if the top dressing is worn off by storm."

"I am inclined to think that a contract will be let to Mr. Wilson, for that portion of the road covered by the bids called for, for contract number one."

## KAHANAMOKU LOSES FIRST PLACE TO PHILLIP MALLEN

CHICAGO, March 13.—Duke Kahanamoku, representative of Hawaii in the tryouts for Olympic place, after a succession of victories in former tryouts, was defeated here last night for first place by Philip Mallen.

Mallen made the fifty-yard dash in twenty-four and four-fifths seconds. Kahanamoku finished second, just a nose behind his successful competitor.

In the first heat, in which the Hawaiian champion made his place, Kenneth Rusbach took third place. Rusbach holds the present American record for the fifty-yard dash, twenty-three seconds flat.

Mallen won the final heat.

## CITY ENGINEER QUILTS HIS JOB

Gere Accepts Offer From Bishop Estate — Resignation to Date From April 15.

The resignation of City and County Engineer G. H. Gere has been in the hands of Mayor Fern since Saturday. Mr. Gere had a conference with the mayor that day and told him then of his intention of resigning. On Monday Gere placed the formal letter of resignation before the mayor, to become effective April 15. Mr. Gere will then go to the Bishop Estate as engineer assistant to F. S. Dodge.

Engineer Gere has had under consideration for some time an offer of the Bishop Estate, and Saturday decided to accept it. His conference with Mayor Fern was not a long one, but the mayor was spoken to because it was through him that Mr. Gere received his appointment at a time when the board of supervisors and the mayor were at loggerheads. The Democratic mayor finally broke the deadlock in the engineer's department by appointing Mr. Gere, who happens to be a Republican.

"I am going over to the Bishop Estate because I feel that I have given long years of my life to the service of the territorial and county governments, and this happens to be a good time to enter the service of a private concern," said Mr. Gere yesterday.

### Others in the Ring.

The resignation was kept quiet, but not quiet enough to prevent other engineers from making preparations to campaign for appointment to the vacancy. J. W. Caldwell, the present road supervisor, is one of the leading candidates. Mr. Caldwell has shown exceptional ability as an administrative engineer, and is believed to have a good chance to succeed Mr. Gere. Stuart Johnson, who is an engineer in Mr. Gere's department, and L. M. Whitehouse, are also being considered as candidates.

Mr. Gere came to Honolulu from Nebraska in 1893 and in 1895 entered the service of the Republic of Hawaii in the department of the interior. For four years he was in charge of government work on the Island of Hawaii. He entered the service of the county in 1906.

## COAST CATCHES A KOREAN WIRELESS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29.—All wireless records were broken yesterday morning, when the powerful United station at Hillcrest picked up a message which had been sent out by the operator of the new Japanese station recently erected by the government of the Mikado on the peninsula of Korea, 5,391 miles from San Francisco.

Operator Kessler at Hillcrest was checking up some of the messages he had received and dispatched at 1:30 a. m., when he detected the unusual call for station "J. O. L."

Soon afterwards he heard clearly and distinctly as if the call was being sent from only a few hundreds of miles the following message:

"English consul sends greetings to operator and says that the new wireless is a great success."

(Signed) "J. O. C."

When Kessler ascertained that the message purported to have been sent from the Korean station to the Hakodate station at the northern part of Japan, he turned the matter over to the officials of the United Wireless Company.

The company immediately cabled to Japan and late last night received a reply in which the message as picked up at Hillcrest was verified word for word.

The best previous record was made several months ago when Kessler, at the same station, picked up a message from the station at Hakodate. This distance is about 600 miles less than that to the station just completed in Korea.

### ANOTHER KNOCK.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Federal Judge Carpenter today denied the motion to dismiss the suit brought against the beef packers for violating the anti-trust law.

### TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

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W. S. MEDICINE CO., St. Louis 4, S. A.

## CAN NOT STAND FOR JOHN WISE

Precinct Club Refuses to Join in Taft League Plan if Editor Is to Be in It.

(From Wednesday's Advertiser.) "Too much Wise" was the reply of the Republicans of the Fighting Ninth, of the Fifth, made at a regular meeting last night, attended by more than sixty members. The meeting had been called to consider an invitation from the Taft League to the precinct leaders to attend this evening's league meeting "to talk things over." The invitation, signed by J. P. Cooke, was read before the precinct club meeting in the house of the precinct leader, Sol Mahelona, and was very respectfully and emphatically declined.

A reply from the secretary of the precinct will be received by the Taft League secretary today, respectfully informing the latter that if the Taft League officers want to know what are the views of the leaders of the Fighting Ninth they will have to attend the precinct club meetings. The club will not authorize its officers to attend any Taft League meetings as long as the Taft League continues to hug John Wise to its bosom. Wise, according to the very pointed remarks made about him last night, is neither true to his salt, true to his Prince, true to his party nor true to anything else the members of the precinct club could think of.

According to general report, there are a number of other precincts where Wise is thought of just about as highly as he is in the Ninth. As an investment for the Taft League he turns out to be a gigantic lemon gone bad. His paper, to which the Taft men are putting up liberally, is openly backing Kuhio against Cooke.

## MAUNA KEA IS NOW TIED UP

Taken to Bishop Slip Yesterday Morning—May Be Month Being Repaired.

After all the water was taken out of the steamer Mauna Kea yesterday morning, with the exception of what the bilge pumps of the vessel could handle easily, the steamer was towed into Bishop slip by the Intrepid and Niihau and tied up at eleven o'clock. According to an official of the company, it will take from two weeks to a month to put the steamer in shape to resume her regular run, but work will be rushed so that she may get away as soon as possible.

Captain Miller was in charge of raising the steamer after Sunday afternoon, but all the pumping was done by four centrifugal pumps of Hawaiian Electric Company which were run under the personal supervision of Manager Hepburn. The installation of the pumps and the bringing of current to the motors was a big proposition, wires being run through the mud from the prison to a scow alongside the stranded steamer and from that to the motors connected with the pumps.

As to whether the Mauna Kea will be put on the marine railway again or not, none of the officials of the company could say yesterday. An attempt will be made to repair her without putting the steamer on the railway, but this may not be possible.

## SITUATION TENSE IN COAL STRIKE

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 13.—The coal miners of Belgium are unsettled as to whether to proclaim a general strike or not, following that action by their English brethren. It is probable that the decision will be reached in the affirmative and that 45,000 persons, working in or connected with the mines, will be effected.

LONDON, March 12.—The conference to settle the great coal strike was resumed today. The signs are hopeful.

DUSSELDORF, March 12.—Twenty thousand took part in a strikers' riot here today, in which many were injured.

### WANTS ANOTHER HEARING.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Attorney-General Wickersham today proposed that there be a rehearing in the case decided yesterday by the Supreme Court, which held that patentees may dictate retailers' contracts.

## NOT ALARMED IN THE LEAST



AN ANSWER THAT CONVINCES.

SUGAR MAN.—This shows what I think of the Free Sugar Scare.

## FEAR OF DEATH ENDS LAW CASE

Government's Witnesses in the Kauai Liquor Fight Refuse to Testify.

(Wireless to The Advertiser.)

LIHUE, Kauai, March 12.—The prosecution has been compelled to dismiss all the liquor cases on the calendar for this term, owing to the fact that witnesses for the government are afraid to testify, being in fear of their lives owing to the murder of a police detective by Japanese.

Fourteen Japanese have been indicted for murder in the first degree, and their trial is set for next Friday. These are the Japanese said to be implicated in the murder of the police detective. There is much excitement over the cases.

Though the above wireless indicates that the attorney general's department has had to throw up its hands altogether on the Island of Kauai, as far as prosecutions of "blind pigs" are concerned, Attorney General Lindsay said yesterday that he thought the proposition applied only to the particular case out of which the murder case developed.

### Kill Informer.

The murder case grew out of the efforts of the police to get evidence of the illicit sale of liquor in Kekaha camp. The informer employed by the police was set upon by a mob of Japanese, and killed. The fourteen indictments returned at the present term of court are a result of that tragedy.

"I do not think that the condition of terror among witnesses exists except as applied to the particular case in which the murder was committed," said Attorney General Lindsay yesterday. "The cases are being prosecuted by W. T. Rawlins, who was given a special commission as a deputy attorney general to handle the matter. The Kekaha liquor cases have evidently been postponed."

### Kauai Saloonless.

For some years Kauai has been without any saloons, and there has been a vigorous campaign against the blind pigs. It is felt the murder case now on trial will play an important part in the liquor problem, as the terrorization of witnesses threatens seriously to embarrass the authorities in the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Editor Sheba, of the Hawaii Shipper left on the Kauai boat yesterday afternoon and will handle the interpreting for Kinney, Prosser, Anderson & Marx who will handle the defense. The trial promises to be largely a contest between interpreters, according to state reports yesterday. A representative of the Japanese consulate also left to attend the trial.

### DOING BETTER.

SAN SALVADOR, Salvador, March 12.—Secretary of State Knox was feted today.

## INTERVENTION IS TO DEPEND ON CONGRESS

President Taft Will Not Assume That Responsibility in Regard to Mexico.

AWAITS LEGISLATIVE ORDER

Texas Delegation Queries White House as to the Plans of the Government.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Congress must decide whether or not Uncle Sam is to take cognizance of the constantly increasing seriousness of the Mexican situation by armed intervention.

This decision was announced yesterday by President Taft to the Texas congressional delegation which waited on him in a body to get the administration's statement of its attitude towards a state of affairs that is seriously affecting the Lone Star State.

Taft declared that he felt that the step implied by active intervention in Mexican affairs was too serious for him to undertake on his personal responsibility and that he would issue no orders to that effect unless he received from congress an order to himself specifically charging him to do so.

### Raiding in Texas.

MEXICO CITY, March 12.—Representatives of the revolutionists have been sent to Washington. A federal victory at Torreon is reported. The marauders have been stealing Texas ponies from across the border, and are active in Jalisco.

## BIG SUGAR TRIAL AT LAST COMMENCED

NEW YORK, March 13.—Following the completion of the jury which is to hear the case of the government against those charged with implication in the frauds against the government in sugar customs, the attorneys for the government yesterday called the first of three hundred witnesses who have been subpoenaed. Judge Wise, in the federal court, before which the trial is being held, opened the trial by reading, among other things, the tenth commandment to the jury.

The attorneys for the government, in outlining their case to the jury, declared that they expected to prove a continuous conspiracy to violate the criminal sections of the Sherman Act.

## PASADENA PLACES BAN ON FORTUNE TELLING

PASADENA, February 28.—After April 1, it will be unlawful to tell fortunes in Pasadena for a fee. All sorts of magic are also barred, likewise hypnotism, astrology, crystal gazing, augury or necromancy. An ordinance placing the ban on these vocations was enacted by the city council yesterday, and violation of the ordinance will be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

## CUT AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The house yesterday passed the agricultural appropriation bill carrying \$15,800,000, which is to support the department, experimental stations and foreign experiments of the government and the agricultural colleges. The appropriation passed last year was \$16,900,016.

## GOVERNMENT STARTS RAILROAD BATTLE

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Attorneys of the department of justice yesterday opened in the Supreme Court the battle between the government and the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railways to dissolve the merger which they claim exists between those two giant corporations.

### REAL MERIT WINS.

There never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sale and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you or your children are troubled with a cough or cold give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

months. Bergstrom sent pleading letters and even enclosed steamship tickets, but still his young bride stayed home. Slight misunderstandings increased into serious differences, and at last the mother persuaded her daughter that she ought to give the husband up forever.

Mrs. Cooper and the youthful daughter whose hymeneal dream has been shattered by the cruel blasts of circumstance are now visiting in Los Angeles and will attend the polo tournament at Coronado before the return to San Francisco.

## BERGSTROM BRIDE WANTS LIBERTY

Musical Romance to Lead to the Divorce Court—Desertion Is the Ground.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 29.—A

stir of surprise that fluttered the interest of the fashionable musical set six months ago when the eighteen-year-old Miss Ethel Cooper eloped to San Rafael and was secretly wedded to John Raymond Bergstrom, a musician of Honolulu, has paled in the commonplace beside her recent announcement to intimate friends that she will sue for divorce on the ground of desertion.

For three weeks the romantic young couple honeymooned at Hotel Del Monte by the blue water of Monterey bay. They returned to San Francisco and were parted, Bergstrom going to his home in the mid-Pacific and his bride joining her mother at the beautiful family home at 3150 Jackson street. They have not seen each other since.

Mrs. Bergstrom belongs to a family in whose blood the strain of romance courses strong. Adventure attended the marriage of her mother to Samuel M. Cooper, now a retired capitalist. Mrs. Cooper is pretty and chic and so much the chum of her daughter that the real relation is seldom guessed.

### Met by Accident.

The meeting with Bergstrom was by accident. He was here from the Islands to make purchases of musical stock for a store which he conducts in Honolulu.

In the piano room of one of the big local music stores the girl musician was idly running her fingers over the keys, when Bergstrom was caught by the melody and listened. They were introduced, and Miss Cooper fell in love at first sight, she afterwards confessed to friends.

Mrs. Cooper disapproved. The family was then living at the Fairmont for the winter season and she had planned a brilliant match in San Francisco society for her daughter. Parental objections were swept aside. Bergstrom and his little sweetheart met again and again and he persuaded her at last to elope.

Stealing away, the pair went to San Rafael and were united in marriage September 11, 1911, by the Rev. S. S. Stimpson of the Methodist Church.

The mother was frantic, but still her grief and permitted the pair to go to Del Monte.

Husband Sails Away.

Then business urgency called for Bergstrom's quick return to Honolulu. His bride expected to go with him, but the mother told her that brides should have clothes and that no trousseau had been provided. She stayed for this, and standing on the wharf with a tear-filled eyes waved a tender farewell to her husband as he sailed away.

The few weeks that she was to wait for her trousseau lengthened out into